

**CHOLELITHIASIS  
(Gallbladder Disease)**

All Classes  
(Updated 05/29/2024)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p><b>A.</b></p> <p>Asymptomatic</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Post-surgery with NO complications.</p>	<p>If the AME can determine the condition is under control and the individual has no symptoms that would interfere with flight duties.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The <b>AME should comment</b> on the date of surgery, any complications, and if the individual has been released to full activity by the treating physician.</p> <p><u>If AME comments are absent</u>, the individual may be asked to provide a current, detailed Clinical Progress Note from their physician.</p>	<p style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>ISSUE</b></p> <p>Annotate this information in Block 60 including approximate date of surgery.</p>
<p><b>B. All others:</b></p> <p>Symptomatic or history of symptoms (e.g., biliary colic)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Surgical complications (unresolved)</p> <p>If surgical complications such as DVT, see that page.</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <p>1. A <b>current, detailed Clinical Progress Note</b> generated from a clinic visit with the treating <b>physician or surgeon</b> no more than <b>90 days</b> before the AME exam. It must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed summary of the history of the condition;</li> <li>• Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any);</li> <li>• Exam findings;</li> <li>• Results of any testing performed;</li> <li>• Diagnosis;</li> <li>• Assessment and plan;</li> <li>• Prognosis; and Follow-up.</li> </ul> <p>2. Hospital records (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission History and Physical;</li> <li>• Hospital discharge summary. (Typically, the patient portal notes or after visit summary (AVS) printed from electronic medical records are NOT sufficient for medical certification purposes.); and</li> <li>• Operative/procedure report(s).</li> </ul>	<p style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>DEFER</b></p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>